



Relations With The World

With a growing share of world population and income, the countries of South Asia now command a real presence on the world stage. The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was formed in 1985 to promote regional co-operation. Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, members of the Commonwealth and the United Nations, have long been participants in UN peacekeeping activities. Indeed, cooperation in peacekeeping and peace building is an important area of common interest for Canada and South Asia.